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Senate continues to protect Michigan from meth

LANSING – Legislation to protect communities from methamphetamine was approved by the Senate this week, said Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks.

Senate Bills 1112-1117 and 1119 focus on cleaning up meth-sites, protecting children who have been exposed to meth and providing public access to clean-up procedures.

“Meth is a serious problem for both users and their families, especially for young children who live in houses where meth is being produced and are exposed to the toxic chemicals,” Jelinek said. “These new tools will help law enforcement agents better handle these cases to make sure the children are properly taken care of and removed from dangerous situations. We also have provided local communities with tools to ensure meth lab sites are properly cleaned up and reported.”

The legislative package will:

- Require DHS to partner with local law enforcement when a child has been exposed to meth.
- Require DHS to refer child abuse cases that include a child’s exposure to meth production to the prosecuting attorney.
- Require statewide criteria that every community should follow in order for a home or other meth production site to be considered clean and ready for occupancy.
- Require DEQ to report to the Legislature the nature of environmental contamination materials found during meth lab busts.
- Require a public website listing the location of meth busts and indicating if the location has been cleaned.
- Allow the attorney general to prosecute a person maintaining a website containing instructions for producing meth.

The Senate also passed Jelinek’s senate resolution memorializing the United States Congress to provide flexible funding to help states and local communities clean up and deal with the disastrous effects of clandestine methamphetamine labs.

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